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SUBJECT: US/USSR DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK (DCL) TALKS

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1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO DR. SAVITSKIY
IN RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER CONTAINED IN THE REF:

2. QUOTE: DEAR DR. SAVITSKIY:

3. THE U.S. DELEGATION IS OF COURSE DISAPPOINTED AT THE
LAST MINUTE PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE THE DCL MEETINGS UNTIL
AFTER MARCH 8. HOWEVER, WE CONSIDER THIS MEETING TO BE
VERY IMPORTANT AND HOPE THAT IT WILL RESULT IN A SUCCESSFUL
ACTIVATION OF THE TGP-3 AND TGP-4 AT AN EARLY DATE.
BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE MEETINGS, WE AGREE
THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALS
ARE IN ATTENDANCE. WE REGRET, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS
NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THE MEETINGS. WE WILL BE AVAILABLE
TO MEET WITH YOU AFTER MARCH 8 AS YOU PROPOSE AND SUGGEST
THAT THE MEETINGS BEGIN ON 15 MARCH. PLEASE ADVISE IF
THIS IS SATISFACTORY.

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2. IN THE MEANTIME, PERHAPS OTHER ITEMS MAY COME TO YOUR ATTENTION WHICH COULD BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.

3. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES.

WILLIS E. NAEHER
CHAIRMAN
U.S. DCL DELEGATION UNQUOTE

4. WE WONDER IF THERE MAY BE OTHER REASONS FOR POST-PONEMENT BEYOND THOSE LISTED REFTEL. WE NOTE THAT SAVITSKIY SIGNED LETTER RATHER THAN MINASHIN. THIS COULD INDICATE A CHANGE IN DELEGATION MEMBERS, WHICH INCIDENTALLY HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE KNOWN TO US. IT ALSO SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT L'VOV STATION OR THE TERRESTIAL PATH FROM L'VOV MAY BE EXPERIENCING SOME PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH WE ARE UNAWARE OF THIS. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EMBASSY COMMENTS.

5. UPON CONFIRMATION OF THE NEW MEETING DATE, DELEGATION TRAVEL PLANS AND VISA ACTIONS WILL BE MADE AGAIN. KISSINGER

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